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MINNESOTA PLANT MATERIALS ANNUAL PLAN - 2009

The State Plant Materials Committee met on January 8-9, 2009 and developed the Minnesota State Annual Plan for 2009.

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The following are action items for the 2009 Plant Materials Program:

ACTION ITEM	WHO	START	END

1. Maintain partnerships and provide plant materials and assistance as requested on various projects. Highlight success stories.	Tober Kopp Martinek	Ongoing	
2. Keep field personnel informed on current developments in the plant materials program. Encourage area plant materials committees to maintain a high level of visibility and activity through regular meetings and activities sponsored by area committees. Promote inter-area training and technology transfer	Martinek Area Committees Tober	Ongoing	

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ACTION ITEM		WHO	START	END
3.	Collect seed of Virginia wild rye and cupplant.	Tober, Flynn Area Res. Cons	03/09	07/09
4.	Provide technical assistance to grass seed growers and nurseries.	Tober	Ongoing	
5.	Send 1 person per area to the Plant Materials Center Training in Bismarck, North Dakota.	Martinek Flynn Oja	05/09	09/09
6.	Conduct annual winter planning meeting of the State Plant Materials Committee.	Flynn Martinek Tober	12/09	12/09
7.	Monitor results of cost-share programs used for invasive species control.	Flynn ARCs	03/09	12/09
8.	Provide plant materials information to all tribes.	Tober Wise Outreach Coordinator	Ongoing	
9.	Continue to support the demonstration & educational plantings at the Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College.	Wise Tober	Ongoing	
10.	Support the National Ash Seed Collection Initiative.	State Committee	03/09	12/09
11.	Disseminate updated information to field offices on biomass and cellulosic energy.	State Committee	Ongoing	
12.	Promote the use of the cover crop practice by providing information through fact sheets, promoting attendance at field days and educational workshops.	Martinek State Committee	12/08	12/09
13.	Continue to encourage the use of diverse species in conservation tree planting practices.	Kopp Lemmerman	Ongoing	
14.	Provide plant materials & technical support for biofuels Project at Central Lakes Agriculture Center.	Tober	Ongoing	
15.	Partner with the Xerces Society to promote plantings for pollinator habitat	State Committee	Ongoing	
16.	Support wetland plant identification training sessions in multiple areas of the state	Oja, Flynn Area Committee Chairs	5/09	12/09
17.	Host the Bismark PMC Advisory Committee Meeting and tour	Dave Wise Mike Oja Paul Flynn	Aug 26-27, 2009	
18.	Promote the use of low water use and energy efficient Landscaping at NRCS field offices	State Committee	Ongoing	

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OFF CENTER EVALUATION PLANTINGS

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has entered into cooperative agreements with Soil and Water Conservation Districts and other state and federal agencies for evaluation of plant materials for conservation use at these locations:

Study 38I318K, Field Evaluation of Woody Plant Materials, University of Minnesota, West Central Research and Outreach Center, Morris, Minnesota.

Study 38I342K, Field Evaluation of Woody Plant Materials, University of Minnesota, North Central Research and Outreach Center, Grand Rapids, Minnesota. Cooperative with Itasca County SWCD.

Study 38A347K, Field Evaluation of Woody Plant Materials, University of Minnesota, Becker Research Farm, Becker, Minnesota. In cooperation with the University of Minnesota and the Anoka Sand Plain Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

FIELD, SEED INCREASE, AND SPECIAL PLANTINGS

All requests for plant materials were reviewed in relation to the needs and priorities indicated in the Minnesota Long-Range Program.

All active field plantings will be evaluated in 2009 (see attached list of active plantings). In addition, high priority will be given to evaluate active plantings of species that have been scheduled to be released in the near future.

The district conservationist is responsible for recording the information requested and scheduling evaluations needed to secure data in a timely manner.

VARIETY RELEASE

Documentation will be completed for the formal release of Northern source Hackberry.

PLANT SEED COLLECTION

Collect Virginia wild rye and cup plant seeds.

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SCHEDULE OF PLANT MATERIALS ACTIVITIES - 2009

When	Who	Where	What
5/5-8	FO Staff, Tober Kopp Martinek	Morris Becker Grand Rapids Cloquet	Spring Evaluation and Planting - woody OCEPs other plots
8/11-13	PMC Staff, Selected MN FO/AO/SO	Bismarck, ND	Plant Materials Center Training
8/18-20	FO Staff, Tober Kopp	Morris, Becker Grand Rapids	OCEP Evaluations, measure trees
8/26-27	State Cons, Flynn	Duluth, MN	Tri-State Advisory Committee Meeting
12/15-16	Tober, ECS, State PM Committee	St. Cloud	State PM Committee Mtg.